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Fairbanks Memorial Hospital Approved
for Voluntary Protection Program

JUNEAU, Alaska—Labor and Workforce Development Commissioner Click Bishop approved Fairbanks Memorial Hospital for the Alaska Occupational Safety and Health Voluntary Protection Program at the "Star" level to signify a tremendous achievement in occupational safety and health.

The VPP recognizes and promotes effective workplace safety and health management through a cooperative program between a company's management, employees and AKOSH.

As a VPP Star recipient Fairbanks Memorial Hospital won't be subject to random enforcement inspections for five years. Enforcement regulations remain in effect, however, and cases of employee complaints, accident investigations or other significant incidents will result in an enforcement inspection. Participation in the program is voluntary.

"The philosophy of the hospital is 'People First,'" Fairbanks Memorial Hospital's Director of Safety and Operations Clint Brooks said. "It is all encompassing and covers patients, staff, and the communities served by the hospital."

Approaching health and safety with a "People First" attitude is the basis of the hospital's decision to participate and achieve Voluntary Protection Program Star status, Brooks said.

There are 17 sites in Alaska with the AKOSH VPP designation. For a complete listing of the sites and more information about the program, visit VPP online at Labor.Alaska.Gov/lss/vpp-participants.html.

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